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Rusty and Wel-beloved, We greet you well. Whereas all Our Subjects of the Kingdome of *England* and Dominion of *Wales*, are both by their Allegiance and the Act of Pacification, bound to resist and suppress all such of Our Subjects of *Scotland*, as have in a hostile manner already entred or shall hereafter enter into this Kingdome. And by Law, your Personall service, attended in a warlike manner for the resistance of this Invasion, may be required by Vs, which We Desire to spare, Chusing rather, to invite your assistance for the maintenance of Our Army in a free and voluntary expression of your Affections to Our Service and the safety of this Kingdome.

And whereas the Members of both Houses of Parliament Assembled at *Oxford*, have taken into their Consideration the necessity of supporting Our Army, for the Defence of Vs and Our People against this Invasion, and for the Preservation of the Religion, Lawes and Liberties of this Kingdome, and thereupon have agreed upon the speedy raising of the Summe of one hundred Thousand pounds by Loane from particular Persons, towards the which themselves have advanced a very Considerable Proportion, and by their Examples hope, That Our well-affected Subjects throughout the Kingdome will in a short time make up the Remainder, whereby We shall not only be enabled to pay and recruite Our Army, but likewise be enabled to put Our Armies in such a Condition, as Our Subjects shall not suffer by Free-Quarter or the unruliness of Our Souldiers, which is now in present Agitation, and will (We no way doubt, by the Advice of the Members of both Houses Assembled) be speedily effected. We doe towards so good a work, by the Approbation and Advice of the said Members of both Houses here Assembled, desire you forthwith to lend Vs the Summe of *Twenty Pounds* or the value thereof in Plate, toucht Plate at five shillings, untoucht Plate at foure shillings foure pence per ounce; and to pay or deliver the same within seven daies after the Receipt hereof, to the hands of the High-Sheriffe of that Our County, or to such whom he shall appoint to receive the same, (upon his Acquittances for the Receipt thereof) who is forthwith to returne and pay the same at *Corpus Christi Colledge in Oxford*, to the hands of the Earle of *Bath*, the Lord *Seymour*, M^r *John Ashburnham*, and M^r *John Fettiplace*, or any of them who are appointed Treasurers for the receiving and issuing thereof by the said Members, (by whose Order only the said Money is to be disposed) and to give Receipts for the same, the which We Promise to repay assoone as God shall enable Vs; This Summe being to be advanced with speed, We are necessitated to apply Our Selves to such Persons as your selfe, of whose Ability & Affection We have Confidence, giving you this Assurance, that in such further Charges, that the necessity of Our Iust Defence shall inforce Us to require of Our good Subjects, your forwardnesse and disbursements shall be Considered to your best advantage. And so presuming you will not faile to expresse your Affection herein, We bid you Farewell. Given at Our Court at *Oxford*, the 14. day of February, in the Nineteenth year of Our Raigne. 1643.

By the Advice of the Members of both Houses
Assembled at *Oxford*.

Ed: Littleton, C

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To John Bowes Esq^r

I am now and will be soon you this letter and I beg you to
not delay to pay my Account as I do not pay
some at the same time with my Bills when you
will let me know when you are for so long as
before his Master at Oxford to receive
your safe.

P. T. the 1st of August 1812
John Bowes Esq.

To our trustee and Will-bearer
John Bowes Esq.
County of Stafford Esq.